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Subject: Item B-08 on the December 17, 2019 ZAP Agenda; Thaxton Rd. Tract - Request for Postponement

Importance: High

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Chair Kiolbassa and Commissioners,

I am requesting a postponement of the above referenced item to January 21, 2020. There is no known opposition to this request. This particular item is complicated, technical and an important capital infrastructure decision. The Environmental Commission spent over 2 hours discussing the case and voted 5-5 initially to approve the variance. The EC's recommended denial only occurred because of the EC's consensus decision to pass along recommendations to ZAP for inclusion in the *granting* of the variance by ZAP. We feel that ZAP will benefit from having complete technical information from both applicant and staff about EC's conditions.

The purpose of the postponement is to ensure that **all** of those EC recommendations can be technically incorporated. Specifically, the EC recommendation includes 10 consensus conditions for approval of the variance. The applicant has already submitted revised plans meeting 8 of those conditions. We have yet to receive staff comments on those revised plans. The other 2 conditions (regarding additional boring and casing and abandonment of an existing 8-inch line in the same area) have been analyzed by the applicant and we are now ready to include those in the proposal. However, these 2 items will require additional revision to the plans and review by and coordination with WPD and AWU. The additional month will allow us to revise the plans further to include the final 2 conditions and have them reviewed by staff to ensure they are technically feasible.

In addition, the applicant understood that there could be additional written back-up from the City Environmental Officer regarding the significance of meeting the EC recommendations. A postponement would allow additional back-up from staff to be provided on these recommendations.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

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